

This is reminiscent of the problems I experienced when I first got Satellite TV. The local affiliates would only give SAT TV users a connection if it could be proven that the SAT TV user was unable to receive a signal for local stations. After a few years of debate an agreement was reached and now a SAT TV user can receive local stations through their unit by paying a nominal fee to their provider.

Since I am already paying to receive music, talk shows, news shows and traffic (mostly) without commercials, then I do not understand why NAB feels it is necessary to take this away. XM users are not getting any of this for free. We pay for our commercial free music and our traffic channels, unlike AM and FM, where we have to sit through inane DJ chit-chat and numerous commercials, not to mention the reception issues when traveling in rural areas .

The beauty of XM is that they have so many different channels that can be dedicated to a variety of music, news or regional traffic reports that a listener can bypass whatever they do not want listen to and concentrate on the channel that interests them at the moment.

I have found the new traffic channels on XM to be very useful. I live and work within LA and Orange County and it is very convenient to have a channel that plays nothing but traffic reports all day, every day. I even use it on the weekend.

My message to the FCC: DO NOT TAKE THIS FEATURE AWAY. XM users pay for this service while AM/FM listeners DO NOT.